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As below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, INTERNAL FUEL STAGING FOR IMPROVED FUEL CELL PERFORMANCE, the specification of which: (check) one 
is attached hereto as United States or PCT International application Serial No was filed on (if applicable). amended on I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or under §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. **Priority Claimed** Prior Foreign Application(s) Yes I No I (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Country) (Number) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below. (Filing Date) (Application Serial No.) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s), or under §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentabilty as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application. (Status-patented, pending, abandoned) (Filing Date) (Application Serial No.) I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: (1) Robert J. Edwards, Reg. No. 25,063; (2) Eric Marich, Reg. No. 32,265; (3) D. Neil LaHaye, Reg. No. 30,767, and (4) Robert C. Baraona, Reg. No. 45,426. ROBERT C. BARAONA at telephone no. (330) 829-7848 Address all telephone calls to McDermott Incorporated, Patent Department Address all correspondence to **Alliance Research Center** 1562 Beeson Street Alliance, OH 44601-2196 I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. Full name of sole or first inventor MILIND V. KANTAK Full name of third joint inventor, if any Inventor's signature Inventor's signature Date 07/18/2000 Citizenship India Date Citizenship Mayfield Heights, Ohio Residence Residence Post office address 6511 Marsol Road, #406 Post office address Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124 THOMAS L. CABLE Full name of fourth joint inventor, if any Full name of second joint inventor, if any Inventor's signature Inventor's signature

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